

October 09, 2024

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

**RICARDO MERCADO and
BRYAN SABIO
Defendants**

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CRIMINAL NO.

4:24-cr-526

INDICTMENT

THE UNITED STATES GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

(Title 18, United States Code, §§ 2119 and 2 – Aiding and Abetting Carjacking)

On or about February 17, 2024, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas,

**RICARDO MERCADO
AND
BRYAN SABIO**

defendants herein, aiding and abetting others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, with the intent to cause death and serious bodily harm, did intentionally take a motor vehicle, namely, a Nissan Rogue, that had been transported, shipped, and received in interstate and foreign commerce, from the person and in the presence of another, namely, Guillermo Escalona-Lopez by force and violence and by intimidation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2119 and 2.

COUNT TWO

(Title 18, United States Code, §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2 – Aiding and Abetting Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

On or about February 17, 2024, in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas,

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defendants herein, aiding and abetting others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly brandish a firearm, namely, a handgun, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that being Carjacking, as alleged in Count One.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(ii) and 2.

A TRUE BILL

Original Signature on File
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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